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ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENT DEVELOPMENTS

HUMAN SEXUALITY AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The ELCA Task Force on Human Sexuality has received well over 1,000 responses (some from large groups) to the sexuality study. The study is now in its fourth printing.

In August the Task Force held an important consultation with a variety of respected ELCA biblical scholars, theologians, ethicists, and counselors, including Bishop Chilstrom. It was an intense, deliberative, strategic event that was a microcosm of the significant differences in our church. The Task Force is now writing a draft which will include 1) a summary of what the task force has heard and learned from those who have responded; 2) a theological presentation of some common affirmations and commitments we as a church can make at this time in relation to sexuality; and 3) a statement of significant areas of disagreement, and where major study processes will need to continue over the next few years.

Congregations are encouraged to study the human sexuality draft document, available from the ELCA Distribution Service, 1-800-328-4648, and send their responses to the Task Force **by December 1, 1992.**

CARING FOR CREATION: VISION, HOPE AND JUSTICE

The first draft of this social statement on the environment was sent out to congregations in the June, 1992, Action Packet. The draft was prepared by the ELCA Environment Task Force of the Division for Church in Society.

Congregations are invited to study this draft and provide the Task Force with their insights as it prepares the proposed social statement. Send comments and recommendations to the Office for Studies, Division for Church in Society, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4190 **by January 1, 1993**. This social statement will come before the 1993 Churchwide Assembly.

RACE, ETHNICITY AND CULTURE

The Task Force on Race, Ethnicity, and Culture, under the auspices of the Division for Church in Society, and the Commission for Multicultural Ministries of the ELCA prepared this first draft. It was distributed to congregations in the September, 1992, Action Packet.

Congregations are again invited to study this draft and provide their insights to the Task Force. Send your comments and recommendations to the Office for Studies at the address above **by January 1, 1993**. This social statement will also come before the 1993 Churchwide Assembly.

NEWS

REGION 1 STAFF CHANGES

The Regional office is currently undergoing changes in its structure due to financial limitations. One of the proposed changes combines two important positions: Evangelism and Multicultural Ministries. Pastor **Roland "Skip" Getman** has accepted a half-time interim evangelism position. He will meet with synod committees and will work with the programs that are currently in place. He will be working out of the regional office in Seattle (624-0093) and out of his congregation in Portland (503/774-6781).

Pastor **Jim Braaten** has accepted a call to Central Lutheran Church in Yakima. The multicultural position which has been filled by **Ted Hutchinson** will end as of October 31. Ted will join the Holden Village staff as a multicultural resource person.

HURRICANES TAX LUTHERAN RESPONSE

"We are stretched from Florida to Hawaii," said the Rev. Leon Phillips, Jr., director of the Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response. ELCA congregations were responding to the needs of people in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew when Hurricane Iniki struck the Hawaiian Islands. The Lihue Lutheran Church, Lihue, Hawaii on the island of Kauai, felt the full force of the hurricane's 130 mile per hour winds. The parish hall was destroyed, but the nave is still standing. The Lihue church was built in 1881 in the shape of a boat. Several hurricane have damaged the building, but the original structure still stands. Eighty percent of the membership lost their homes.

Pastor Raymond Stiffler expressed concern that the economic recovery of the island would take a long time, becasue Kauai residents earn their income mainly from agriculture and tourism. Hurricane Iniki destroyed the macademia nut and sugar cane industries. All of the tourist hotels received some kind of damage.

There are 10 ELCA congregations on the island of Oahu, but no reported structural damage to church buildings.

Disaster response is carried out by Inter-Lutheran Disaster Response, a cooperative agency of the ELCA and Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Cash donations to assist in the relief of any disaster in the United States may be sent through your congregation and the Region 1 Financial Services Office, or directly to the Domestic Disaster Response Fund, 8765 W Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631.

COMPASS CENTER OPENS GENERAL STORE

The Compass Center has received many In-kind donations which they will be selling at their new General Store, located in the Inglewood Shopping Center between Kenmore and Juanita on Juanita Drive at NE 141st. The store will be staffed with volunteers and Compass Center clients, who will gain training and experience in retail sales. The store will be open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Opening day will be announced soon, hopefully in December.

Good quality housewares, items for infants and toddlers, and other items are needed. If you have donations you wish to have picked up, want to volunteer, or need more information, please call Robbin at 461-7835.

GOOD NEWS FROM PLTS

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA, announces the largest entering class in 15 years. Forty-six new students have entered this fall, comprising the third largest entering class in 40 years of the seminary's history. The 46 new students have come from more than 14 U.S. synods and three foriegn nations. Thirty percent of these new students are married, and 17 of them (37%) are women. The average age of the class is 32, but a significant number are in their 40's and 50's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAYROLL DONATIONS TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Again this year federal, state and municipal employees have the opportunity to designate a portion of their wages as a payroll deduction to Lutheran World Relief, a member of the International Service Agencies (ISA) participating in the Combined Federal Campaign. LWR's code number for the Combined Federal Campaign is 0335.

Please let your congregational members know about this chance to support their own Lutheran agency through this campaign. As a member of ISA, Lutheran World Relief joins with 40 other private voluntary agencies in reaching out to touch the lives of more the 150 million of the world's poorest people in 100 countries. Thank you!

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETREAT LEADER TRAINING A SUCCESS

Judith Nicholson, president of our synod's Women of the ELCA and an active layperson, has received the Retreat Leader Training provided by the region. She is now prepared to assist church leaders, including clergy, to facilitate planning retreats. Judith will help congregations build or re-vamp their mission statement and assess how it is being carried out programmatically in the congregation. She will also assist with short- and long-range planning and goal setting. She can be helpful to congregations when there is a new pastor, before a potential conflict occurs or after a conflict has passed, and in other congregational planning situations.

If you would like to contact Judith to lead a retreat in your congregation, call her at 643-2792.

Because the Retreat Leader Training was such a success, another event is scheduled for **December 11-12** in the Seattle area. If you would be interested in receiving this training on behalf of the Synod, please call the Synod Office at 783-9292. Thank you.

NEW RETREAT HOUSE AT LOMA

Now is the time to take advantage of LOMA's newly furnished retreat house on two tree-covered acres next door to the Center for Renewal. Reservations are being taken for church staff, councils, youth, women's groups and other retreats. LOMA expects the retreat house to be popular for day meetings and personal retreats for clergy families.

The house offers quality overnights for six people and accommodates 20 for meetings. Groups can bring their own pre-prepared meals and snacks. Additional overnights, meeting areas and meals are available at the Center, where LOMA is completing remodeling for full handicap access.

Phone Jini Fisher at 1-800-464-5662 for January through September, 1993, retreat house information.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION HOTLINE

The ELCA Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs has initiated a **Legislative Information Hotline**. Public policy advocates may phone the 800 number to receive a taped public policy message providing late-breaking news and needed action on crucial issues followed by the Lutheran office.

To reach the Hotline call **1-800-959-1988.** For more detailed information on local issues, call Steve Lansing, Director of the Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington, 623-4889.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The ELCA Division for Global Mission is seeking candidates for short-term, long-term, and volunteer mission experiences.

There are a variety of long-term mission positions for 1993 in Liberia, Denmark, Japan, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh, Senegal, Cameroon, and Tanzania. Most long-term positions seek candidates who can commit a minimum of 10-12 years. Some position terms are shorter and time limited. Positions are salariedunder provisions of the Division for Global Mission.

Short-term mission positions for 1993 (two years to 30 months) are open in Hong Kong, Japan, Nigeria, Tanzania, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, and China.

For more information on these opportunities, write to the ELCA Division for Global Mission, 8765 W Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631-4192, or call (312) 380-2650.

ZION AMERICAN CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

Zion American Lutheran Church in Seattle will be celebrating its centennial during 1993. The congregation would like to invite former members to share in the festivities. Please send their names and addreess to Zion American at 2102 N 40 St, Seattle, WA 98103-8399.

THANKS FROM COLUMBIA HOME

Close to 300 residents, volunteers, staff and others participated in the Columbia Lutheran Home Caregiver's Walk on August 22. Over $18,000 was raised, with more pledges coming in. These funds will be used to purchase much-needed furnishings for resident rooms, and to begin a fund for the purchase of a new van for resident activities. Columbia says, "THANK YOU!"

A NEW RESOURCE

Dan Erlander, author of *Baptized We Live: Lutheranism as a Way of Life*, has just completed a new Bible survey called *Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe.* It traces biblical themes from Exodus to Revelation, using original cartoons, charts and illustrations. The book will be useful for personal study, adult classes, confirmation, and as gifts for new members and confirmands. The study is available from Augsburg Fortress, or can be ordered directly from Daniel Erlander, 519 E 127 St, Tacoma, WA 98445, $8.00 each or $6.50 each for 5 or more, book rate postage paid. Illustrations may be used without obtaining permission.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHICAGO WORLD HUNGER GATHERING

Our Synod was represented at the World Hunger Leadership gathering last August by **Beth Stimson** and **Norm McDonell** of our World Hunger Committee. Over 130 persons attended this every-other-year event organized by the ELCA World Hunger staff.

Reports were given by representatives of Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service, Bread for the World, and other agenices that serve to alleviate hunger and its causes.

"I came away more convinced than ever of the rare opportunity that Lutherans have to really do something meaningful about alleviating hunger and its causes throughout the world," stated Norm McDonnel. "The professionalism and efficiency of the Lutheran humanitarian agencies in getting the most value for the dollar is very impressive. The focus on giving people a chance to achieve dignity and self-esteem through gifts that complement their own resources have proven effective, not just in the short term, but throughout their lives."

If you would like a detailed report for your congregation or more information on the World Hunger Appeal, please contact Norm McDonnel at 941-0430.

WOMAN-TO-WOMAN IN ETHIOPIA

A member of our Synod, **Shirley Egerdahl**, visited Ethiopia last spring, sponsored by the Women of the ELCA. She made contact with our Companion Synod and with women from the Mekane Yesus Church near Addis Ababa. "Our Ethiopian sisters and brothers in Christ shared with me their joyful, dynamic faith and their openness to the Holy Spirit. They promised to pray for us in America and asked for our prayers," commented Shirley. "They suffer with poverty and famine, ethnic violence and religious persecution. But God gives us this privilege: *Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ* (Gal. 6:2)."

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If you would like to invite Shirley to share her stories with your congregation, please call her at 771-5203. Round-trip mileage from Edmonds is requested.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT GATHERING

by Martha Simonsen

Special thanks and prayers for those who gathered on September 9 at St. John Lutheran Church in Seattle to participate in initial conversations regarding the role of our church in ministering to the perpetrators and victims of interpersonal violence.

We all are injured when any member of our congregation/community is suffering from the keeping of a shameful secret. Our worship is compromised when we cannot openly ask God for what is most needed or give thanks when we share in the healing and hope that emerges into a survivor's life through the hard work of recovery from assault.

How can churches become safe places for all of us? How is our church and faith altered by learning to talk about the issues of violence in our world and church? How can we become a gift to those who are suffering in our own pews in isolation, pain and shame?

These are tough questions, and the answers will come from our ability to take some risks together to develop a vision that can be shared.

Please join us in the struggle to become a resource for nurture in our world when we gather again on **October 27** at 3:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church. For more information, call the St. James Lutheran Church office at 767-5940 and leave a message for Martha Simonsen.

YOUTH NEWS

SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING

Be sure to take your youth group to the NWWA Synod annual **Youth Gathering** over Thanksgiving weekend, **November 27-29**. Under the theme, *Ask, Seek, Knock*, the gathering at the Red Lion Inn at Bellevue will be well attended, so register now! Registration before November 1 is $70/person, and $80 after November 1. The registrar is Karen Anderson, 6623 - 158 Pl SW, Seattle, WA 98166, 248-0096.

YOUTH MINISTRY CONSULTANTS

Youth ministry–what is that? Where do we begin? If questions like that come to mind, you may want to look into a training event with one of Region 1's skilled and enthusiastic Youth Ministry Consultants. These are trained to equip, resource, and energize congregations for youth ministry. The consultant teams, made up of full- and part-time youth professionals and experienced adult and youth volunteers can assist youth leaders and provide resources for strong congregation-based youth ministry, especially where little or nothing is happening.

If your congregation wishes to utilize the services of these consultants, please call the synod team leader for our synod, **Cheryl Kulas**, at 746-7300.

MORE YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

Lutheran Summer Music, the national high school music camp, will be held on the campus of Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, **June 27-July 25, 1993**. Lutheran Summer Music offers talented high school students in grades 8-12 one month of intensive music study. A special feature of the music camp is the emphasis on the study and performance of church music.

For information about this program, call or write to Lutheran Music Program, Inc., 2225 Washington St, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402/474-7177.

1993 WESTERN STATES YOUTH GATHERING

Watch your mailbox for the registration packet for the 1993 **Western States Youth Gathering**, scheduled for **August 3-8, 1993**, in Missoula, Montana. If you have questions, call 1-800-735-8298.

Would you like to see the promotional video? Call Dave or Boots at 624-0093 or 1-800-755-5831.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

WORKSHOPS ON THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT IN THE MINISTERIAL RELATIONSHIP

All rostered church workers are reminded to sign up for one of the REQUIRED workshops coming up in November, January, and May. The next workshop is scheduled for **November 20-21** at **St. John Lutheran Church, Seattle**. The first day begins at 12:30 p.m. and concludes at 8:00 p.m. (dinner provided). The schedule on the second day will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (lunch provided).

The following persons are registered for the **November** workshop: Ray Beaver, John Bergren, Paul Braafladt, Chauncey Christofferson, Michael Clifford, Lisa Clore, Sandy Denoff, Grant Gard, Gary Grafwallner, Claire Grube, Ivar Haugen, Don Hefty, Craig Johnson, Mark Johnson, Craig Jorgensen, Tom Kidd, Joel Kutzke, Linda Larson, Karoline Lewis, Joshua Liljenstolpe, Stuart Lundahl, Pahil Maakestad, Anne Morawski, Estelle Morley, Larry Morris, Martha Myers, June Nilssen, John Recher, Paul Shoup, Paul Stone, Norris Stoa, and Carol Tomer.

Please call St. John Lutheran Church at 784-1040 if you need overnight accommodations. There is still room for more persons to register for the November workshop.

The **January 19-20** workshop at **St. Matthew's, Edmonds**, is FULL with a waiting list. The following persons are registered: Katie Adelman, Janelle Aldrich, Arnold Anderson, Paul Anderson, Brian Beistel, Sheryl Biegert, Gene Bradbury, Al Bruck, Jocelyn Carson, Brian Claasen, Olin Dasher, Paul Eriks, Kevin Forquer, Mikkel Hustad, Sonja Johnson, Sherry Kiefel, Roald Kverndal, Erma Lee, Jim Lindus, Sharon Lone-Browder, David Lund, Naomi Maasberg, Helen McBride, Shannon Mcguire, Vicki Morse, Steve Myers, Jan Nesse, Joleen Palmer, Roger Patrow, Phil Petrasek, Lothar Pietz, Jack Richards, Tom Rohde, Gary Rothenberger, Rick Rouse, Bette Schneider, Renee Shafer, Clarence Solberg, Phil Strain, John Strand, Paul Sundberg, Llano Thelin, Carol Thompson, Trudy Thorleifson, Wes Tollefson, Kirby Unti, Richard Webb, Dean Wigstrom, Jim Wilson, and Nancy Winder.

Please let the Synod Office know if you need to re-schedule for the **May 11-12, 1993** workshop, so that someone on the waiting list may attend the January workshop. The May workshop will be held at **Glendale, Seattle**.

The March 18-19 workshop has been CANCELED, because of too few registrants. If your name follows, please call the Synod Office to register for the November or May workshop: Michael Anderson, John Clauson, Gerald Erickson, Vic Langford, Ernie Loreen, Don Maier, David Parks, Lynn Peterson, and Bob Winkel.

JEWISH SPEAKER AT PLU

The Campus Ministry Office at Pacific Lutheran University invites you to hear **Dr. Murray Haar**, Associate Professor of Religion at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on **November 1 and 2** at 7:00 p.m. at the Scandinavian Cultural Center in the University Center Building.

Dr. Haar is Jewish and grew up in New York City. Many of his relatives died in the Holocaust. He became a Christian in 1971, went to seminary and became a Lutheran pastor. After earning his Ph.D., he took his current position at Augustana, where he is the Stanley L. Olsen Professor of Moral Values. His passion is to challenge us to think about what life, ethics, theology, and piety mean today in light of the Holocaust.

Dr. Haar will give two lectures under the title, **TELLING THE TRUTH IN A POST-HOLOCAUST WORLD.** He is a very interesting and challenging speaker–and far from boring! This event is FREE.

MORE CONTINUING ED

OUTREACH MINISTRY TO YOUTH

Can the church really make a difference in the lives of children and youth? "Yes," says David Bloom, Associate Director for Urban Ministry, Church Council of Greater Seattle. "In this time of stress and change, it is the work of the church to recreate the community as family."

On Saturday, **November 3**, Bloom will address an innovative one-day conference, **Making a Difference: Models of Outreach Ministry to Children and Youth.** This conference for clergy, youth leaders, church educators and others in the church community who care about children, will take place at **University Lutheran Church**, 1604 NE 50, Seattle, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost for the day, including lunch, is $15 per person.

A major feature of **Making a Difference** will be action-oriented workshops which will provide congregations with specific models for parish-based ministries with children and youth. Topics will include after-school programs, parent training, working with street youth, healthy sexuality, teens and substance abuse, church-based foster care, getting youth groups involved, mentoring and tutoring.

For more information, contact Dave or Boots in the Region 1 office, 624-0093 or 1-800-755-5831.

LBIS ADVENT MODULE

Every year Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle offers an intensive two-week educational opportunity at the end of fall quarter. This year's **Advent Module** offers an opportunity for regular and guest students to take short courses of unusual interest. The courses may be taken for credit, audit, continuing education unit (CEU) or enrichment. Tthe dates for the **Advent Module** are **November 30-December 11**. On-campus housing and meals are available at reasonable rates.

Under the theme, *Neighbors in a Global Village* with a cross-cultural focus, the following courses are offered: Beginning American Sign Language, History & Making of Stained Glass, World Hunger, Death of Christ in John's Gospel, Enhancing Race & Relations (at Holden Village), Biblical Culture & Archaeology, Holy Land Studies Seminar (in Israel), Urban Field Study (in San Francisco), Language & Culture Acquisition (in Mexico), Psalms, Refugees in our Land, Native American History & Culture.

Registration information may be obtained by calling 1-800-843-5659. Registration deadline is **November 15**.

EFFECTIVE CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR THE 90'S

Callahan returns! Response to **Dr. Kennon Callahan's** 1991 Western Washington Evangelism Conference was so enthusiastic that the Southwestern Washington Synod and the Oregon Synod evangelism teams decided to bring him back for a larger audience. Author of the books, ***Twelve Keys to An Effective Church*** and ***Effective Church Leadership***, Dr. Callahan is a superb communicator and master of church administration, finance, evangelism and mission. Two events are scheduled:

- **LEVEL I February 5-6, 1993** - Spanaway Lutheran Church, Spanaway, WA
- **LEVEL II February 7-8, 1993** - St. Luke Lutheran Church, Portland, OR

Registration materials have been mailed, and the deadline to register is **January 25, 1993.** Don't miss this opportunity if you have never been to a Callahan event, or if you would like to bring new church leaders for a refresher.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

Debbie Trafton O'Neal, well known author and teacher, will join one of the ELCA's foremost specialists in children's ministry, **Mary Ingram**, to lead the 1993 Region 1 **Focus on Youth Ministry** event, beginning Sunday, **February 21**.

The first part of the event on February 21 from 2-7 p.m. will focus on strengthening ministry with children grades 4-6. A more intensive workshop in a retreat setting at the LOMA Center for Renewal in Issaquah will continue from 8:30 p.m. February 21 to 11:30 a.m. February 23.

Registration materials for this popular annual event will be mailed to each congregation in early December.

WRITING FOR THE CHURCH

The ELCA is offering a **Writing for the Church** workshop **April 19-22, 1993,** at the LOMA Center for Renewal in Issaquah. AAL is funding it with a grant, so the only cost is a $20 registration fee. The workshop will cover a broad range of writing in the church.

Congregations may send persons to this workshop by mailing their name, address, phone, congregation, a description of the kind of writing the participant is interested in and a writing sample, name of sponsoring entity, and a $20 check payable to **Division for Congregational Ministries** to Gina Autenrieth, ELCA Division for Congregational Ministries, 8765 W Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631.

Take advantage of this excellent opportunity close to home to improve your writing/communication skills.

MORE CONTINUING ED

PLAN AHEAD FOR APLLM CONFERENCE

Be sure to include in your congregational budget funds for your church staff worker(s) to attend the Association of Professional Lutheran Lay Ministers/Northwest **1993 Conference May 10-13, 1993,** at the Grunewald Guild near Leavenworth. Keynote speaker will be Richard Caemmerer, Jr. Conference fee, including meals, will be $75 for members and $100 for non-members. There will be three levels of accommodations at $30, $60 or $75. Details will be forthcoming, so save the dates!

AN EVANGELISM OPPORTUNITY

Early planners can save $27/person with "early-bird" registrations for the seventh **National Evangelism Workshop (NEW93), July 13-15, 1993,** in St. Louis. Phone Kathy Horst, Registrar, at 806/762-8094 to obtain a registration form, or write to 5001 Ave. N, Lubbock, TX 79412-2993. Registrations are $70 each (spouses $63) if postmarked by December 31, 1992; they will be $97 (spouse $90) after that date. Attendance is open to laypersons and clergy of all denominations.

The NEW93 will feature 15 workshops by pastors and specialists in different aspects of congregational vitality. Six world-class speakers at the general sessions will represent a wide spectrum of theological and denominational diversity from seven denominational backgrounds–United Methodist, Presbyterian, ELCA, United Church of Christ, LC-MS, Baptist and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

WANT ADS

ITEMS LOST AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Martha Bakke reports the loss of two items at last June's Synod Assembly: Norman Cousins' book, THE BIOLOGY OF HOPE (hardback), and the notebook cover for the ELCA video on "Healthy Congregations" (probably in a blue denim bag) which belongs to the Region 1 Office. If you have any information regarding these items, please call Martha at 632-3661.

ELCA POSITIONS OPEN

The Synod Office has a listing of several openings at the ELCA offices in Chicago. Call or stop by if you would like to see this list.

CHURCH MUSIC POSITIONS

Organist, St. James Lutheran Church–Provide music for one service on Sundays plus special occasions. Congregation has excellent Reuter pipe organ. Future may offer opportunities for vocal and handbell choir leadership, depending on applicant's skills and interest. Apply to St. James Lutheran Church, 9421-18 Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98106, 767-5940.

Organist/Music Coordinator, Zion Lutheran Church–Active 850-member congregation in Kent seeks to fill this position which will begin as 1/4 time and move to 1/2 time in the near future. Responsibilities include keyboardist and organist for one contemporary and one traditional service each Sunday, coordination of special music offerings, and accompaniment of adult choir. Contact Zion Lutheran Church, 25105-132 Ave SE, Kent, WA 98042, 631-0100.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Lutheran Social Services is beginning plans for the sixth annual **Alternative Arts Auction** next February at Gethemane Lutheran Church, Seattle. Donations of art, fine crafts or "alternative lifestyle (socially conscious)" resources are needed. If you can help, please call Naomi Maasberg at 672-6009. Thank you.

YOUTH DIRECTOR SEEKING WORK

Jeremy Tomlinson is searching for a job as a youth director in a Lutheran Church. He is a graduate of Wartburg College with a Bachelor of Music Education degree, and has worked at Bible camp for four years. Jeremy can be contacted at 1312-4 Ave SW, Waverly, Iowa 50677, 319/352-4277.

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY

Prayers for healing are requested for **Sonja Johnson**, recovering from surgery, **Kathy Accola** after a recent hospitalization, and for **Naomi Maasberg** and **Barb Smith** whose fathers passed away recently . . . congratulations and blessings to **Sheryl Biegert** and **David Boothby** who were united in marriage September 19 . . . **Bob Moylan** was recently awarded a D.Min. from Western Seminary in Portland. His thesis title was "Lutheran Pietism: Paradox or Paradigm" . . . **Paul Eriks** was voted "Pastor of the Year" by the alumni association of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA . . . seven Eastside congregations, including **Cross of Christ, Bellevue**, will soon open their doors to assist homeless men . . . the statue of Christ on the outside of **Gethsemane, Seattle**, was listed in a new publication of th Seattle Arts Commission . . . the Supervised Visitation Program that **Faith, Bellingham**, does in cooperation with Catholic Community Services is a finalist from Whatcom County nominees for the "Hunthausen Humanitarian Award."

FLASH!

Lutheran Brotherhood will match funds raised for Every-Home Plan subscriptions for The Lutheran.

EXAMPLE: Use free offering envelopes to raise $250. Apply to Lutheran Brotherhood for its $250. This will mean a total $500, enough for about 100 subscriptions.

HOW? If you have not yet used "congregation matching funds" for 1992 (and/or wish to in 1993), consult your congregation's "Fraternal Coordinator" or telephone Lutheran Brotherhood at 1-800-328-7168 to ask about this.

HEALTH CARE:
A Matter of Justice

While the United States spent in 1990 11% of its GNP on health care ($539.9 billion), more than any other industrialized country in the world, over 37 million people have no health care insurance and another 13 million are inadequately insured. This affects over 12 million children and includes over 35% of employed Americans. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America sees the provision of basic health care to all Americans as a right of citizenship and is committed to enactment of a national health care plan.

What is the Churchwide Organization Doing?

- Created a Strategy Team on Health

  Members of congregations, churchwide staff, and staff of Lutheran social ministry organizations have come together to develop materials and lead forums that foster understanding of this complex issue.

- Joined the Interreligious Health Care Access Campaign

  A group representing 15 religious bodies and over 30 state organizations is working toward the passage of federal legislation that will provide comprehensive health care services to everyone living in the United States.

- Produced Printed and Audio/Visual Materials

  A body of information is available to help congregations become more knowledgeable about our health care system and equip them to more effectively participate in the debate on universal access to health care.

  Materials Include:
  The Bible and Health
  Talking Points by Bishop Sherman Hicks, Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA
  The U. S. Health Care System: Fact Sheet
  Legislative Backgrounder: "Universal Access to Health Care: Is it the Answer?
  Legislative Backgrounder: "Universal Access to Health Care: Are there Solutions?"
  The ELCA Strategy Team on Health
  Social Statements and Studies on Access to Health Care
  Resolution on Access to Health Care
  The Interreligious Health Care Access Campaign: Working Principles
  What Can One Congregation Do?

What Can I Do?

- Seek out / utilize the materials available to increase your awareness and understanding of the universal access to health care argument.

- Become involved in your congregation's efforts to respond to the health and wellness needs of its members and community.

- Pray regularly for our congregations, communities and government that they may respond in a just manner to the health care needs of all Americans.

For information and assistance:
DIVISION FOR CHURCH IN SOCIETY / Health Ministries
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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

26	Call Review Task Force, St John, Seattle, 7 pm
27	World Hunger Committee, Christ, Edmonds, 7:30 pm
30-31	Clergy/AIM/Spouse Retreat, Gethsemane, Seattle

NOVEMBER

1	ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN/EPISCOPAL/CATHOLIC CELEBRATION, St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, 7 pm
3	Synod Assembly Task Force, St. Luke, Bellevue, 7:30 am
3	Finance Committee, Prince of Peace, N Seattle, 6 pm
6-7	Conference on Worship & Music through Evangelism & Discipleship, Prince of Peace, S Seattle
10	Executive Committee, St John, Seattle, 7:30 am
11	Cluster Deans, St John, Seattle, 10 am
12	Candidacy Committee, St John, Seattle, 9 am
12	Ecumenical Commission, St. John, Seattle, 7:30 am
14	Leadership Support Committee, Trinity House, 9 am
19	Board of Congregational Life, Prince of Peace, N Seattle 7:30 pm
20-21	AWAKENINGS training workshop, LOMA Center for Renewal, Issaquah
20-21	Workshop on the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct, St John, Seattle

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CALLS ACCEPTED LP=Lead Pastor A=Associate Y=Youth Pastor

Larry E. Thomas — Our Savior, Issaquah — 11/10/92

AIM APPOINTMENT(S) ACCEPTED

None this month

INSTALLATIONS

Robert G. Hillstead	Foss Home, Seattle	11/21/92
Joanne S. Pearson	Zion, Ferndale	10/04/92
Marc D. Stroud	University, Seattle for LSSW/ID	11/15/92
Larry E. Thomas	Our Savior, Issaquah	11/15/92

ORDINATION(S)

None this month

ANNIVERSARIES/DEDICATIONS

Faith, Everett	Dedication of remodel	11/01/92
Ebenezer, Lake Stevens	Dedication of remodel	11/08/92

RESIGNATION(S)

None this month

RETIREMENTS

None this month

TRANSFER(S) IN/OUT OF SYNOD

Larry E. Thomas — from So Cal West Synod — 11/10/92

CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim CP=Congregational Profile I=Interviewing C=Calling V=Vacancy

Bellevue, St. Luke (A)	NV	Tom Kidd, Pastor	
Bellingham, Christ/Servant (A)	I	Gary Grafwallner, Pastor	
Clinton, St. Peter	NV		
Everett, Trinity	NV	Norm Nelson, Interim	
Marysville, Bethlehem	NV	Lothar Pletz, Interim	
Salem, Mt Vernon (A)	I	Dean Wigstrom, Pastor	
Seattle, Gethsemane (LP)	Int	Don Clinton, Interim	
Seattle, First, Rchmd Beach (LP)	NV		
Seattle, Hope	NV	Carol Tomer, Interim	
Seattle, Lakeridge	I		
Seattle, Prince/Peace So	NV		
Seattle, Queen Anne	CP	Randall Bullo, Interim	
Sedro Woolley, Bethlehem (A)	I	Gene Bradbury, Pastor	
Startup, Shepherd/Valley	V		